

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is enclosed in double brackets "[[]]" and inserting the language which is underlined "_____".

1.(Previously Presented) An umbrella comprising:

a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head; a shaft lower end;
a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end;
an illumination means housed within said shaft and directed upward; and
a translucent tube circumscribing said shaft such that illumination emitted through said translucent tube is refracted and enhanced.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The umbrella as described in Claim 1, wherein said illumination means comprises an incandescent lamp located on the interior of said [[handle]] shaft to provide bright illumination to make the umbrella user more visible to approaching motorists.

4. (Previously Presented) The umbrella as described in Claim 1, wherein said translucent tube circumscribing the shaft of the umbrella is neon colored.

5. (Currently Amended) The umbrella of claim 3, wherein said shaft holds and contains a battery assembly at said shaft lower end.
6. (Previously Presented) The umbrella of claim 5, wherein said shaft further comprises:
 - a cavity inside said shaft;
 - a series of threads formed along a lower rim of the shaft lower end; and
 - a screw cap with matching, receiving threads to mate with said threads formed along the lower rim of the shaft lower end such as to removably contain the batteries.
7. (Currently Amended) An umbrella comprising:
 - a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head; a shaft lower end;
 - a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end;
 - an illumination means housed within said shaft lower end; and
 - a neon-colored tube circumscribing said shaft of the umbrella such that illumination emitted through said translucent tube is refracted and enhanced.